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SUBJECT: SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION

1. EMBASSY ECONOFFICERS MET AUGUST 29 WITH MFA OFFICE DIRECTOR DITTMANN FOR DISCUSSION OF QUESTIONS CONFRONTING SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. EARLIER IN WEEK, FRG QUALITY PRESS CARRIED EXTENSIVE ARTICLES, BASED ON FONOFF PRESS BACKGROUNDER, FOCUSING ON FRG VIEWS ON DC/LDC RELATIONS TO BE ENUNCIATED BY FORMINISTER GENSCHER IN HIS KEYNOTE ADDRESS TO ASSEMBLY ON SEPT. 2. DITTMANN REITERATED THAT GERMAN POSITION WILL OPPOSE MANIPULATIONS OF THE WORLD'S FREE TRADING SYSTEM AND ATTEMPTS TO INTRODUCE A DIRIGISTIC SYSTEM IN ITS PLACE. FRG WILL STRESS THE PRINCIPLE OF ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE BETWEEN DC'S AND LDC'S AND THE NEED FOR ESTABLISHING A NEW CLIMATE OF CONFIDENCE AND COOPERATION, NOT CONFRONTATION. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THE NEED FOR REFORMS IN THE WORLD'S

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ECONOMIC SYSTEM, THE FRG WILL ADVOCATE THAT SUCH BE

AFFECTED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE FREE MARKET. THE FRG WILL ARGUE THAT NEITHER THE INDUSTRIALIZED ECONOMIES NOR THOSE OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD CAN WITHSTAND THE SHOCKS OF REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES, ESPECIALLY IN PERIODS OF RECESSION, SUCH AS AT PRESENT.

2. DITTMAN SAID THAT THE FRG POSITION IS BASICALLY IN CONSONANCE WITH THAT OF ITS OTHER EC PARTNERS, ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE SOME VARIATIONS IN ATTITUDE WITH CERTAIN EC COUNTRIES TOWARD COMMODITY AGREEMENTS. THE FRG FAVORS A LIMITED SCHEME FOR EXPORTS EARNINGS STABILIZATION TO BENEFIT THE MSA'S AND ONLY AD-HOC CONSIDERATION OF SELECTIVE COMMODITY AGREEMENTS (EXAMPLE: JUTE AND TEA).

3. DITTMANN COMMENTED ON THE GROUP-77 PAPER, WHICH HE THOUGHT TO BE SOMEWHAT MORE CONCILIATORY IN TONE. TACTICALLY, DITTMANN THOUGHT, THE PAPER COULD BE USED AS THE BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AND RESOLUTION(S) BY THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, BUT IT WOULD REQUIRE EXTENSIVE AMENDMENTS. ALTERNATIVELY, HE SAID, THE EC NINE MIGHT SUBMIT A PAPER OF THEIR OWN, A COURSE WHICH HE SEEMED TO FAVOR. DITTMANN ADDED THAT HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS WITH MEMBERS OF THE U.S. DELEGATION.

4. DITTMANN TOLD US THAT FRG DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY FORMIN GENSCHER (SEPT. 1-4) AND LATER BY AID MINISTER BAHR (SEPT. 5-9). FONOFF MINISTER OF STATE MOERSCH WILL ALSO BE A SENIOR MEMBER OF DELEGATION AND HIS STAY WILL OVERLAP THOSE OF GENSCHER AND BAHR. MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ECONOMICS, AGRICULTURE, AND AID WILL BE REPRESENTED ON OFFICIAL DELEGATION. ADDITIONALLY, PARLIAMENTARIANS (LAMBSDORF-FDP) AND SOME OTHERS) WILL PARTICIPATE IN SESSION, BUT WILL NOT BE MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL DELEGATION.

5. COMMENT: DITTMANN'S REMARKS PARALLEL THOSE OF OTHER SENIOR FRG OFFICIALS MADE PRIVATELY IN RECENT DAYS TO THE EFFECT THAT FRG WILL STAUNCHLY DEFEND THE WORLD FREE MARKET ECONOMY FROM DIRIGISTIC SCHEMES.
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